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(54) **Detergent tablet having a water-soluble coating**

(57) Detergent tablets compacted from detergent powder containing detergent active and detergency builder are provided with a coating on the tablet exterior. This reduces friability and abrasion.

The tablets preferably incorporate a polymeric binder which enhances strength. An exterior coating of organic polymer provides extra enhancement of strength while permitting disintegration/dissolution in a wash liquor.

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